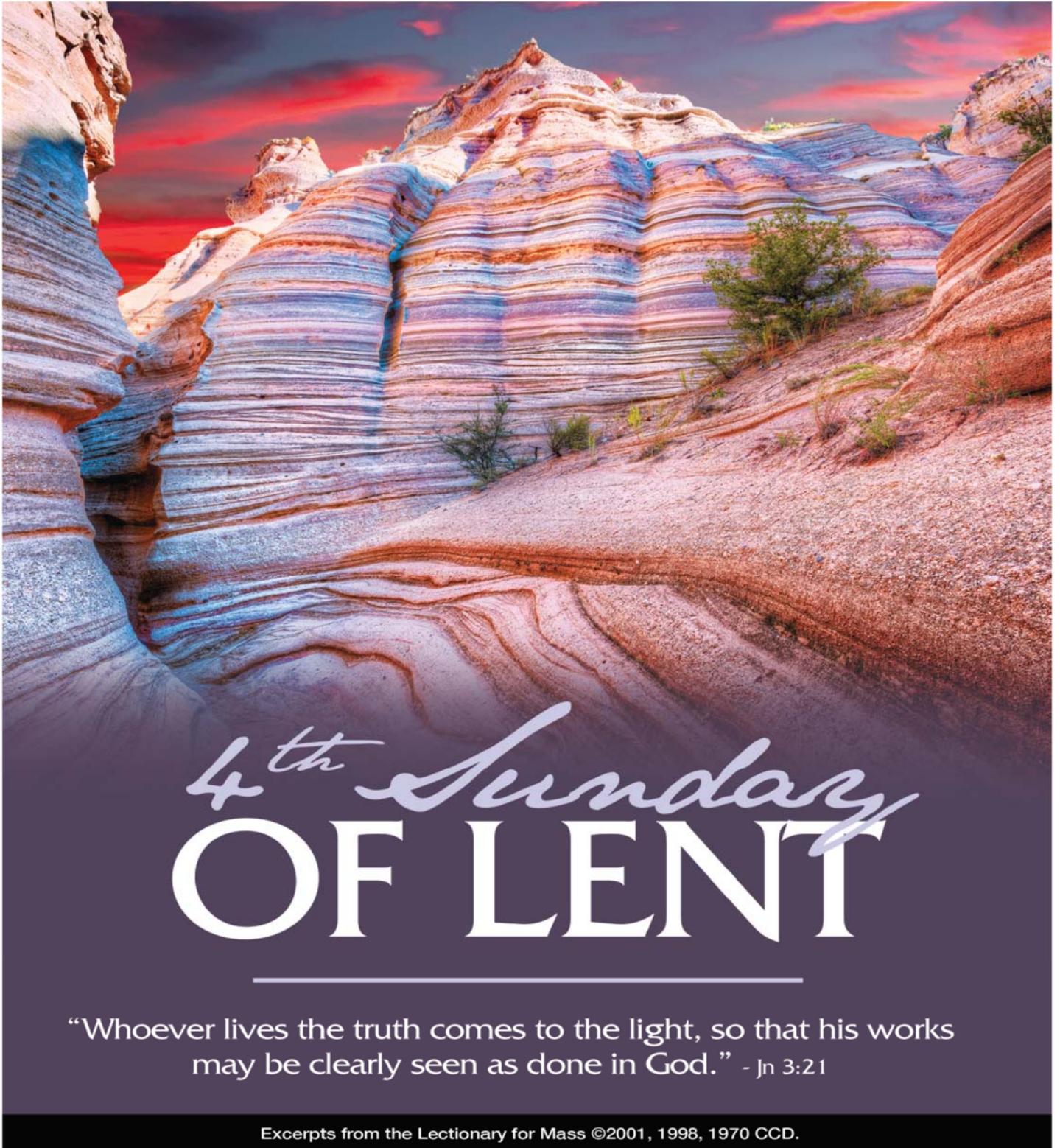




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MARCH 14, 2021



4th Sunday **OF LENT**

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

FROM THE PASTOR...

March 14, 2021

Firstly, I hope your Lent has been going well with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving...keep trying even if you have slackened. I hope you've been benefiting from the Flocknote emails that send you periodic videos from Bishop Robert Barron, an excellent teacher and evangelist. I've also been listening to podcasts about prayer that use the retreat designed by St. Elizabeth of the Trinity herself. The more I learn about St. Elizabeth of the Trinity's spirituality, the more convinced I am that God gave her to us as our patroness to help us deepen our prayer life and be in a simple and loving union with the Triune God. I highly recommend the Discerning Hearts website: discerninghearts.com and the "Heaven in Faith" retreat by St. Elizabeth of the Trinity that Dr. Anthony Lilles leads. (<https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/?s=Heaven+in+Faith>)

Please pray also for our confirmation candidates who will be confirmed this week on March 18th by me. What a privilege for me to have this opportunity that was made possible because of the unusual circumstances the world finds itself in. The Confirmation Mass will be livestreamed for those not able to attend in person.

We ordered about 100 *St. Joseph Sunday Missals* to give out for those who have requested a way to follow along with the readings at Sunday Mass. The text is about the same size as in the *Gather* hymnals. We ask that if you choose to use this missal for the Mass prayers and readings please keep it for yourself and bring it back with you every Sunday. It will last through the whole liturgical year until the Feast of Christ the King in November.

This week we hear in the Gospel the famous verse, John 3:16, "***For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.***" This verse covers so many essentials and is so widely used by Christians that it can be referenced by only the chapter and verse number and people will know the quote. Every created thing starts first with the truth that it was loved into being.

The universe, the earth, ourselves in it, and the reason for everything, is that it was given as a free gift by a loving God. First there is the Triune God of love, who is love and made everything out of love...we did not earn God's love. That gift had been marred though, and needed redeeming, and so we are blessed to have Jesus Christ our savior to believe in. We sometimes see charming Santa Claus pictures that playfully tell us 'Believe' and our hearts are slightly warmed by the sentiment. But there is no childhood nostalgia when believing in Christ. He can deliver on His promises and tells us only the truth and so we believe.

St. John goes on to state negatively though "***And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.***" Jesus is love incarnate, but it shouldn't surprise us that His goodness and light will reveal our own miserable state. Conversion might be painful, but it is ultimately 'a good hurt' as the saying goes. No one perishes by accident; it takes free will choices to reject the Lord. May it not be said of us that we would sooner cling to our sins than believe and follow Christ.

This past week our second graders had the chance to make their first reconciliation as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. We had enough priests gathered so that their parents could also receive the grace of that important sacrament that Jesus gave us. Confession has always been connected with a grace filled reception of the Eucharist, so that the Lord can be received as worthily as possible. During Lent we have the extra Monday evening confession time from 6-7 pm in the cry room as well as on Saturday afternoons. Confession is the only ordinary means for the forgiveness of serious/mortal sins so let us take advantage of the mercy of Jesus the Divine Physician while we can.

God bless you,
Fr. Mike



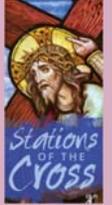


In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending His Son so that we may believe in Him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works, such as reaching out to others and acting with justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent - 6:30 p.m. (English) and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)
You will need to sign in at the door and to sit in a designated section of the church.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to Saturday afternoon between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.,
the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available each Monday of Lent
between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1

Morning Prayer: 8:30 a.m.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: 7:00 p.m.

The church will remain open until 9:00 p.m. for Adoration

Good Friday, April 2

Morning Prayer: 8:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross* - 3:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion* - *(with Holy Communion)*: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3

Morning Prayer: 8:30 a.m.

Blessing of Easter Food: 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(In cars on Ardmore or in front of church)

(no afternoon Reconciliation or 5:00 p.m. Mass)

The Great Easter Vigil* - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 4*

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

***Pre-registration will be required.**

TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive?

If you did not get a Rice Bowl box (and included envelope), you may find more on the table in the vestibule.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021

Year-to-date budget	\$260,750
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What's In A Name?

“Rejoice O Jerusalem, and gather round, all who love her...”

This is an excerpt from the Entrance Antiphon given to us today by the Church. It is quite different from the Antiphons from the previous three weeks, and rightly so. Today, the Church “looks forward” toward the glory of the Resurrection. We get a sort of “reprieve” from our Lenten penitence today. The priest wears rose vestments and we are allowed instrumental music (See Lent Rubric #4 in the Roman Missal). So why is this milestone in Lent called Laetare Sunday - or in English, Rejoice Sunday? If you guessed “Because the first word of the Entrance antiphon is rejoice”, you were right!

So why designate the name of a particular Mass after what is essentially the introduction to said Mass? Why not call it by the theme, like we do with Passion/Palm Sunday which is coming up? Well, in this case, the first word of the Entrance Antiphon IS the theme of the day. It is similar to how we tend to name songs. If you want to find the title of a song you know, you can generally reference the first words of the refrain or at least some repeated words in the refrain. Sometimes, the title is not blatantly evident or not even explicitly stated in the lyrics - such as “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen. In this case, making a title that references what the music is about is better than sticking with some words that don’t “roll off the tongue” or stick with your listener. Now take our current example. “Rejoice” or Laetare Sunday describes the theme of the day very well AND it “rolls off the tongue” in most languages. In the case of Passion/Palm Sunday, “Hosanna Sunday” rolls off the tongue, but does not quite grasp the fullness of the theme. Our other option, “Children of the Hebrews Sunday”, does not quite meet either criterion...

So on this Laetare Sunday, note the rejoicing nature of our prayers and readings at Mass. Just make sure you pay attention to the entirety of the First Reading - if you miss the last part you may be confused as to how exactly that selection can be considered “joyful”.

St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!

--Mark Wozniczka, Music Director (mwozniczka@archchicago.org)





2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2020 contribution statements are now available by request. These statements cover contributions to St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, St. Thecla and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish if you would like to request a copy. Call (773) 763-8228 or email:

jmadura@archchicago.org.

If you are a Faith Direct user, you are able to print out your own report through their website. If you have made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal or To Teach Who Christ Is campaign, you will receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Any material for the March 28 bulletin needs to be submitted by Friday, March 19.

Any material for the April 4 bulletin needs to be submitted by Friday, March 26.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jim Madura - jmadura@archchicago.org

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock, which in some places, was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priest's wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops' conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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(Call the rectory office to have your name added to the list)



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The Year of St. Joseph

December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021



March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy on us.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.	Christ have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.	Jesus, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven.	Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the World.	Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God.	Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary.	Pray for us.
St. Joseph.	Pray for us.
Renowned offspring of David.	Pray for us.
Light of Patriarchs.	Pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God.	Pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin.	Pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God.	Pray for us.
Diligent protector of Christ.	Pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family.	Pray for us.
Joseph most just.	Pray for us.
Joseph most chaste.	Pray for us.
Joseph most prudent.	Pray for us.
Joseph most strong.	Pray for us.
Joseph most obedient.	Pray for us.
Joseph most faithful.	Pray for us.
Mirror of patience.	Pray for us.
Lover of poverty.	Pray for us.
Model of artisans.	Pray for us.
Glory of home life.	Pray for us.
Guardian of virgins.	Pray for us.
Pillar of families.	Pray for us.
Solace of the wretched.	Pray for us.
Hope of the sick.	Pray for us.
Patron of the dying.	Pray for us.
Terror of demons.	Pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church.	Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	spare us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	graciously hear us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	have mercy on us, O Jesus.

He made him the lord of his household And prince over all his possessions.

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared a year honoring St. Joseph. This quiet, but strong, holy saint has always been a favorite of mine. His gentle way, his love for Mary and Jesus and his steadfast protection of his family are inspirational. St. Joseph also has that same love for us and if we invoke his help, we will be heard. His heart was so united with those of Mary and Jesus and he will help us grow in holiness personally, as a Church, as a family and as a country. St. Peter Julian Eymard, says, "Make him [St. Joseph] the patron of your family and you will soon have tangible proof of his protecting hand."

Pope Francis himself has a special devotion to St. Joseph, specifically the Sleeping St. Joseph. While on a trip to the Philippines, the Holy Father reminded the crowd that the Gospels tell us St. Joseph would listen to God in his dream and upon waking, get up and act on God's will. Pope Francis went on to explain that before going to bed he writes down prayer intentions and slips them under a statue of St. Joseph, asking him to pray for those intentions.

Please keep the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity RE Program and School students who will be confirmed on Thursday, March 18th, in your prayers.



A Papal Encyclical On Fraternity and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti) – Part V

This is a continuation of excerpts from Pope Francis' recent Encyclical Fratelli Tutti. I think that there are many worthy ideas for us to reflect on and to act on. Spiritual reading is certainly one of the prominent aspects of Lent. I'd like to suggest that you use these excerpts as a starting point. The entire Encyclical can be found online.

Jim Madura

162. The biggest issue is employment. The truly “popular” thing – since it promotes the good of the people – is to provide everyone with the opportunity to nurture the seeds that God has planted in each of us: our talents, our initiative and our innate resources. This is the finest help we can give to the poor, the best path to a life of dignity. Hence my insistence that, “helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work”...

191. At a time when various forms of fundamentalist intolerance are damaging relationships between individuals, groups and peoples, let us be committed to living and teaching the value of respect for others, a love capable of welcoming differences, and the priority of the dignity of every human being over his or her ideas, opinions, practices and even sins. Even as forms of fanaticism, closedmindedness and social and cultural fragmentation proliferate in present-day society, a good politician will take the first step and insist that different voices be heard. Disagreements may well give rise to conflicts, but uniformity proves stifling and leads to cultural decay. May we not be content with being enclosed in one fragment of reality.

194. Politics too must make room for a tender love of others. “What is tenderness? It is love that draws near and becomes real. A movement that starts from our heart and reaches the eyes, the ears and the hands... Tenderness is the path of choice for the strongest, most courageous men and women”. Amid the daily concerns of political life, “the smallest, the weakest, the poorest should touch our hearts: indeed, they have a ‘right’ to appeal to our heart and soul. They are our brothers and sisters, and as such we must love and care for them”.

198. Approaching, speaking, listening, looking at, coming to know and understand one another, and to find common ground: all these things are summed up in the one word “dialogue”. If we want to encounter and help one another, we have to dialogue....

202. Lack of dialogue means that in these individual sectors people are concerned not for the common good, but for the benefits of power or, at best, for ways to impose their own ideas. Round tables thus become mere negotiating sessions, in which individuals attempt to seize every possible advantage, rather than cooperating in the pursuit of the common good. The heroes of the future will be those who can break with this unhealthy mindset and determine respectfully to promote truthfulness, aside from personal interest. God willing, such heroes are quietly emerging, even now, in the midst of our society.

203. Authentic social dialogue involves the ability to respect the other's point of view and to admit that it may include legitimate convictions and concerns. Based on their identity and experience, others have a contribution to make, and it is desirable that they should articulate their positions for the sake of a more fruitful public debate....

215. “Life, for all its confrontations, is the art of encounter”. I have frequently called for the growth of a culture of encounter capable of transcending our differences and divisions....

217. ...What is important is to create processes of encounter, processes that build a people that can accept differences. Let us arm our children with the weapons of dialogue! Let us teach them to fight the good fight of the culture of encounter!



Watch *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* 9:00 a.m. Sunday
 Mass live on You Tube - search for *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel*

SATURDAY, March 13, 2021

5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, Joseph Dziedzic, Jessica Bach, Angelina Turco, Carmen Rosario Castro, deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

7:30 AM— Alice Kern
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Holy Name Society, Milka Stanojevich
 11:00 AM— Clara Dellumo, Rosalino Carballo (in thanksgiving)
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

8:30 AM— Mary Vasile, Christine Carbone, Rudolfo Herman

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

8:30 AM— Helen Geller

11:00 - 2:00 PM - *Adoration with Benediction at 1:50*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

8:30 AM — Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

8:30 AM— (livestreamed) - Pauline Haas, Jane Rennick

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

8:30 AM— Edward Kinsch, Carmen Rosario Castro

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

8:30 AM— Elsa Orlandi

3:30 - 4:30—CONFESSIO

5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, Richard Zahn, Don Love, Jr (birthday remembrance), Elsa Orlandi

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

7:30 AM— Helen Kolinski (4th anniversary), Alexander Kolinski, Anna, Estelle & Walter Dyjak, Joseph Dyjak (61st anniversary), Jo Sanborn (birthday), Ed Sanborn

9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, John Needham, Vilma Pangoniene

11:00 AM— Maria Labak, Patrick Collins

1:00 PM (Spanish)—

Presider Schedule - March 20 & 21

5:00 pm — Fr. Ouda

7:30 am — Fr. Ouda

9:00 am — Fr. Grisolano

11:00 am — Fr. Grisolano

(Spanish) 1:00 pm - Fr. Ouda

DISPENSATION

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Mass until further notice.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
 - Monday:
 - Tuesday:
 - Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
 - Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 - Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Saturday:
 - Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
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Readings for the Week

- Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt :16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 2a/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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JER 29:13

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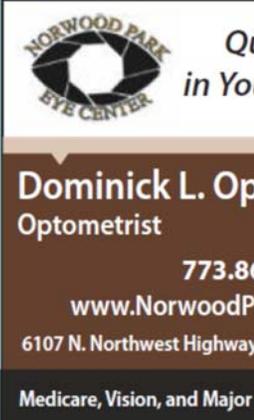


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SERVICES

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
(English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday : 8:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Benediction at 1:50 p.m.)

Rectory Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements:
gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

*"It seems to me that I have found my
heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."*

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity